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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 July 2006.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4,6-11,14 and 15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1,2 and 6 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 3,4,7-11,14 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/06
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 14 and 15 are pending in the application.

This action is in response to applicants' amendment dated July 6, 2006. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-11 and 14 have been amended, claim 12 has been canceled and claim 15 is newly added.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed July 6, 2006 have been fully considered with the following effect:

1. With regards to the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection labeled paragraph 2) in the last office action, the applicants' failed to comment completely on this rejection. While it is noted that the applicants' have amended claim 10 such that the prevention aspect of treatment has been deleted. However, the enablement of claims 9-12 and 14 with respect to the inhibition of the IgE antibody production has not been addressed.

Claims 9-11, 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention, for reasons of record.

2. The applicants' amendments are sufficient to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejections labeled a), b) and c) of the last office action, which are hereby withdrawn. However, with regards to the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection labeled d) in the last office action, the applicant's amendments and remarks have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

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d) The applicants' stated, "the rejection of Claim 12 is believed obviated by its cancellation in favor of new Claim 15". Claim 15 is directed to the inhibition of IgE antibody production of which there is no direction to a "specific disease". The rejection of claims 9-11 and 15 was on the grounds that it is indefinite, in that it is not known which diseases are capable of being responsive to the inhibition of IgE antibody production. The scope of diseases and/or disorders associated with the inhibition of IgE antibody production could alter over time. The applicants' are not entitled to preempt the efforts of others. The claims are not directed to a method of treatment of a specific disease and/or disorder but to the method of inhibition of IgE antibody production of which it is not known what biological system or physiological effect this pertains, that is the applicants have not set forth the metes and bounds of the claim.

Claims 9-11 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, for reasons of record and stated above.

In view of the amendment dated July 6, 2006, the following new grounds of rejection apply:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

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3. Claims 3, 4, 7 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The following reasons apply:

- a) Claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 are vague and indefinite in that it is not known what is meant by "Derivative" which implies more than what is positively recited.
- b) Claim 7 recites the limitation "trifluoroethoxy, methoxyethoxy, hydroxyethoxy, propionyloxy, N-methyl-N-methoxycarbamoyl" in the definition of the substituents. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
- c) Claims 9-11 are vague and indefinite in that the terminology "therapeutic agent having IgE antibody production inhibiting activity" does not clarify whether the claim is limited to a compound, composition, or even complex composition.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 2 and 6 are allowed. None of the prior art of record or a search in the pertinent art area teaches the compounds of formula (1) as claimed herein.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brenda L. Coleman whose telephone number is 571-272-0665. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached on 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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